

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected Claims 4, 6-8, 12, and 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bellare et al. Such rejection is overcome, however, in view of the cancellation of such claims hereinabove.

The Examiner is thanked for the allowance of Claims 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, and 13. Various dependent claims have been added which depend from such allowed claims, and are further deemed allowable by virtue of their dependency.

All of the claims are thus deemed in condition for allowance.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NAI1P079/99.122.01).

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